

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Caron's director for 1916 gives the population of Hopkinsville as 11,265.

More than 200 civilians were killed on a train between Mexico City and Cuernavaca by Mexican rebels, according to advices received in San Antonio.

A woman at Brazil Ind., while putting her arms around her husband to kiss him goodbye, discharged a pistol in his pocket. She was seriously wounded. Her husband was a miner and carried the gun for protection.

The Serbian army driven out of Serbia was taken to the island of Corfu and wintered and has been reorganized and with full equipment has been landed at Saloniki for service with the allies. Originally there were 300,000, but the strength of the new army is not given.

At a meeting of members of the Winchester Development Company held Friday night the company went on record as favoring the commission form of government, and a committee was appointed to agitate the question with a view to holding an election to test the sense of the people regarding the matter.

J. S. Anderson, negro elevator operator at the Paducah City Hall, who recently became wealthy when oil was found on land he owned in Texas, has become a philanthropist. He is negotiating a deal for the West Kentucky Industrial College property, adjoining Paducah, and if the trade is made will increase the capacity of the building on the site and present the property to the negro people of Kentucky for a college. The West Kentucky Industrial College is a negro institution, but has not been successful owing to a lack of funds.

BINNS AND M'GAUGHEY

Will Be Hosts of One Hundred Visitors at Pee Dee To-day.

At least one hundred North Christian people will be feasted at Binns' Mill to-day at 12 o'clock. In 15 or 20 autos they will be driven by R. H. McLaughy's stock farm, Col. A. M. Henry's mint bed and on to Pee Dee, where the big pot will be put in the little one.

Crofton will send 60, Honey Grove, Sinking Fork, Pleasant Hill and other places smaller delegations.

Speeches will be made by A. M. Casey, R. E. Cooper, R. H. McLaughy, W. C. Binns and perhaps others.

MORE SUITS AGAINST CITY.

Two more suits have been filed against the city of Hopkinsville by colored people, growing out of the attempt to improve Howe street in the fifth ward. The petitions are Cornelia Western and J. H. Laprade, who pray for \$400 and \$500 respectively. They allege that the cutting down of the street on which their property abuts has damaged the value of the places in the sums asked.

DAMAGES ASKED.

Richard Leavell has sued the L. & N. railroad company for \$500 damages. He says that on April 4 he contracted with the railroad company to transport a carload of mules from St. Louis to Hopkinsville and that by reason of the careless manner in which the car was handled and looked after three of the mules were badly injured.

MUSIC RECITAL.

The annual recital of Miss Follanby's music class will be given this evening at the Methodist church.

CRABBE, REGENSTEIN, HAMLETT

Sued For \$80,623 By John C. Duffy For Alleged Unauthorized Expenditures.

IN STATE SUPT.'S OFFICE

First Fruits of Probe Into the Expenditures of All Departments.

Frankfort, Ky., May 29.—Three suits to recover to the State school fund from former State superintendents and their bondsmen an aggregate of \$80,623.42, were filed in the Franklin circuit court Saturday by Special Assistant Attorney General John C. Duffy.

He sued Barksdale Hamlett with his bondsmen, Rufus H. Vansant and D. W. Gardner, together with the widow and executor of the late John C. C. Mayo, another bondsman, for \$64,711; J. G. Crabbe, with his bondsmen, Frank P. James, for \$10,550.43, and Ellsworth Regenstein, with the National Surety Company, for \$5,361.09.

The suit against Hamlett includes salary alleged to have been illegally drawn by him and his wife; alleged unauthorized expenses allowed Hamlett; the cost of alleged unauthorized publications, and salaries of clerks and stenographers, whose positions the Court of Appeals held in a recent test suit were not provided for by law.

The salary of the State superintendent, acting as school inspector, was increased by the 1912 General Assembly, and until February, 1913, when it was held that Hamlett was not entitled to the increase as it was made during his term, he drew \$1,395, which is sued for.

Up to that time he had paid Mrs. Hamlett as a clerk in the department \$1,000 annually and he then increased it to \$2,000. The petition prays the recovery of the \$6,916.67 received by her, and in any event the \$2,916.67, which she drew as an increase.

The petition alleges that Hamlett illegally drew for himself as inspection and contingent expenses \$8,517.50 during the four years of his term. The alleged unauthorized expenditures for publications amount to \$28,037.47.

J. G. Crabbe, who was elected in 1907, gave a blanket bond, with former Auditor Frank P. James on it. He is charged in the suit with \$2,770.51 paid out for clerical salaries not authorized by law; \$2,672.26 paid out of the school fund for alterations in the offices of the Department of Education, which were originally intended for the Historical Society and were ordered changed by the Capitol Commission, provided the expense was borne by school fund, and with \$5,117.66 for alleged unauthorized publications.

Ellsworth Regenstein, of Newport, who was appointed State superintendent by Governor Willson, when Prof. Crabbe resigned in 1910 to become president of the Eastern State Normal, gave bond of \$25,000 in the National Surety Company. He is charged with \$816.60 expenses drawn by him without itemizing his account; \$3,045.39 for clerical salaries not authorized by law, and \$1,400 for expenses of alleged unauthorized publications.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Weather forecasts for the week beginning today issued by the weather bureau, for the various parts of the country, says:

Ohio Valley and Tennessee—Generally fair weather and normal temperatures are probable during the week.

Region of the great lakes—Partly overcast weather and moderate temperatures except that local showers are probable at the beginning of the week.

CLOSING WEEK CITY SCHOOLS

Largest Class of Graduates In History of School.

CLASS DAY THURSDAY

Commencement Exercises at The Tabernacle Friday Night.

Final examinations of the city High School were held last week and the closing exercises will be held this week.

The class day program will be at the Tabernacle at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

The graduating exercises will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the tabernacle. The graduating exercises this year promise to be unusually interesting and entertaining. The graduating address will be made by Prof. J. A. Dickey of Bowling Green.

The music will be furnished by the High School Orchestra and a chorus of sixteen selected voices from the school. Miss Julia Arnold has charge of the chorus. The music this year should be a great improvement over that of previous years as Miss Arnold has had more time this year to devote to music. The orchestra will be conducted by Prof. E. N. Mallary.

The honors will be awarded by Prof. Koffman. Prof. Koffman also has several scholarships which he will give out that night.

There are forty-five students enrolled in the Senior class. Those enrolled are as follows: Misses—Juanita Bartley, Imogene Bartley, Mary Belle Bible, Louise Breathitt, Mary Campbell, Elizabeth Cayce, Davis Claggett, Mary Fox Clardy, Anna Nell Earle, Frances Garnett, Brentwood Gee, Eleanor Henry, Ruth Haden, Elizabeth McPherson, Sallie Mayes, Bertha Means, Ruby Morris, Mary Belle Radford, Grace Richards, Anna Scheifer, Myrtha Southall, Amelia Starling, Bessie Walker, Annie Waller, Myra Winfree, and Lillie Mae Wortham. Messrs.—Robert Winfree, McFarland Wood, William Thompson, McHenry Tichenor, William Tandy, Phil Roberts, Joe Moseley, Lee Oldham, John Metcalfe, Potter Lackey, David Hooser, Livingston Leavell, Earle Fowler, Petit Fentress, Bryant Charlton, Manning Brown, Milton Buckley, Edward Breathitt and Robert Brumfield.

No Sale.

The Hill House property offered for sale Saturday at public auction was knocked off to John H. Bell for \$12,300, but the sale was rejected.

TRICE SALE THURSDAY

Will Open One of the City's Most Beautiful Additions.

ON SOUTH MAIN STREET

Forty Building Lots To Be Sold at Public Auction at 10:30 a. m.

The most valuable addition to the residence district of the South side that has been made in several years will be the opening of the tract of land owned by John B. Trice on South Main street, just beyond the city limits. It has been divided into 40 building lots. A crescent shaped avenue to be known as Latham avenue runs through the tract with building lots on either side. This avenue and other streets have been graded and concrete walks will be laid in front of every lot.

The sale, which will be put on next Thursday, will be conducted by the Newbury Realty & Auction Co., of Warsaw, N. C., of which J. H. Newbury is President. He will be assisted by B. P. Sandlin and H. F. Walters, who have been here for a week or two. The auctioneer will be W. H. Matthews, of Greensboro, N. C.

A novel feature of the sale will be that \$27.50 in gold will be paid for the best names suggested for the addition, \$20 to the first best, \$5 to the second and \$2.50 for the third. These names are to be handed in at the sale and passed upon by a disinterested committee.

The sale will begin at 10:30 o'clock a. m. Free autos will take the people from down town to the sale.

This property is very valuable and is just one mile from the court house. It is on the South side of the city in a most popular residence section and is destined to be one of the city's most beautiful additions.

DECORATION DAY.

About thirty-five old veterans of the civil war gathered Sunday morning at the Christian Church to attend the memorial service and sermon by Rev. Mr. Jessup. The Blues and the Grays sat together. Old memories were stirred. There is but one sentiment among them now and that is, "Our Country." This morning at 9 o'clock there will be an informal service at the cemetery and decoration of graves, participated in by Federals and Confederates. Those having flowers will please leave them at the court house early Tuesday morning.

THOSE THAT HAVE-GET BY A.T. WESTON



DAMAGES ASKED.

J. B. Sherrill has sued the Hopkinsville Water company for \$1,000 damages. He says that by the raising of the dam at Lake Tandy a tract of three acres of land belonging to him has been overflowed and a spring from which he got water for his stock and washing, etc., has been filled up and he believes permanently ruined.

WAITE OBJECTS TO WAITING.

Dr. Arthur W. Waite, tried for the poisoning of his wife's parents, was found guilty and will be sentenced to death in the electric chair June 1. "This is a great relief" was his only comment. "I am satisfied and am willing to take my punishment and the quicker it comes the better," he is quoted as saying. He will be sentenced Thursday.

VERDUN IS QUIET AGAIN

Artillery Duels Continue Without Further Offensive Moves.

RUSSIANS ARE ADVANCING

Austrians Pressing Italians Hard and Taking Prisoners.

London, May 29.—Only artillery bombardments have been in progress on the French front around Verdun. No infantry attacks have been made. Around Le Mort Homme, northwest of Verdun, and the sector west of the Thiaumont farm, northeast of the fortress, the bombardments have been violent. In the Argonne forest the French have captured craters caused by the explosion of German mines and in Alsace have put down an attempt of the Germans to advance. In the fighting of Saturday night the Germans in the Champagne region at several points penetrated the French line and took 100 prisoners.

Petrograd reports an attempt of the Germans in the Lake Drisviaty region to start an offensive. The movement was stopped by the concentrated artillery and infantry fire of the Russians. The Austrians are still on the offensive against the Italians in the region southeast of Trent, but Rome reports that whatever infantry attacks were started, Austrians met with repulse. On the Isonzo front at San Michele the Italians in mining operations destroyed Austrian trenches and took the defenders of them under their rifle fire as they fled.

Turkish contingents which tried to advance against the Russians on the Caucasus front in the region of Rivan-douza-Dergala, were repulsed by the Russians, according to Petrograd.

APPEAL FOR PROTECTION

Tell President Mexican Authorities at Tampico Trying to Drive Them Out.

Washington, May 29.—On the eve of the receipt of Gen. Carranza's new note which officials believe will renew the demand for withdrawal of American troops from Mexico and with another conference between American and Mexican military commanders about to begin, a protest was received at the white house today reporting serious difficulties between American oil operators at Tampico and the Mexican authorities.

The protest came in the form of a telegram addressed to President Wilson by 84 American citizens resident at Tampico, who had held a mass meeting and determined to lay their case before the government. They declared the Mexican military officials were promulgating decrees designed to make it impossible for Americans to do business in the country and told how one of their number had been arrested and imprisoned for three hours because he refused to pay his employees wages fixed by the authorities in excess of terms previously agreed upon with the men.

The signers of the messages asserted their right to protection from the American government and announced their determination not to comply with arbitrary and confiscatory orders and decrees by the Mexicans.

Bunch of Boosters.

Ten autos loaded with Pembroke boosters, headed by S. A. Powell and Mose Levy, visited the city yesterday advertising the Pembroke Chautauqua, June 1, 2 and 3. They came in filled with enthusiasm and covered with dust, some of which had lodged in their throats.



W. A. WILGUS.
(From an old photo.)

Distant relatives of Wm. A. Wilgus, who committed suicide Nov. 1, 1914, leaving an estate of \$40,000 to T. W. Long which on Mr. Long's death three weeks later, descended by the terms of his will to the city, are seeking to break the will.

The estate was left to the city of Hopkinsville for providing public playgrounds for the white children. No grounds are set up further than that the will probated here "was not the last will and testament." Further, the petitioners pray that the city be adjudged to have no interest in the property whatever and that it be turned over to them. The will left all the property to Thomas W. Long, closest friend of the deceased, for his lifetime and at his death it was to be used for providing playgrounds. Mr. Long lived only a few weeks after Mr. Wilgus died. The suit is directed against George C. Long, administrator, and the city of Hopkinsville. The plaintiffs, who live in several different states, are Sadie Wilgus Yeager, Lucy Wilgus Luxon, Parma Wilgus Bond, Tibbie Wilgus Prather, Lucy Nutter Dennie, Charles Wilgus, Willie Lee Nutter, who sues for himself and as next friend for three infants, Lucy Wilgus Freeman, Annie Wilgus and Sadie Wilgus; G. A. Wilgus, Mrs. L. B. Desper, Mrs. M. V. White, J. R. Thompson, Mrs. David Thompson, C. K. Grahm and Richard Kelly.

The will which it is sought to set aside was made some time before Mr. Wilgus' death and was a revision of a former will with some changes. It was written in his own hand and was deposited in his safety box at the First National Bank.

Mr. Thos. W. Long qualified as executor and a few days thereafter was taken ill and died Nov. 21, 1914. His brother, Geo. C. Long, was appointed to wind up the estate, which consists of real estate, stocks, bonds and notes.